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TAGS: CASC (SABO, JOSEPH F.) AND (WANTLAND, ROBERT L.)

SUBJECT: CONSIGNMENT ON PLANE THEFT, IMMIGRATION CHARGES

REF: MAZATLAN 0034, DATED 2/25/75

DEPARTMENT FOR SCS, PASS TO SENATOR GOLDWATER

(1). FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN CULIACAN, SINALOA, MEXICO, WHERE MESSERS SABO AND WANTLAND WERE DETAINED AND WHERE THEY ARE STILL IMPRISONED, TURNED THEIR CASES OVER TO THE JUDGE IN CULIACAN ON FEBRUARY 14, 1975. THE JUDGE HAD A MAXIMUM OF THREE DAYS TO CONSIDER THE CASE AND TO DECIDE WHETHER THE TWO MEN SHOULD STAND TRIAL. THAT DECISION WAS MADE. THE CASE WAS PASSED TO THE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE IN MAZATLAN, CASE NUMBER (40/75), AND HE INDICATED TO A CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE THIS MORNING THAT THE TWO MEN WOULD HAVE TO WAIT THEIR TURN IN THE DOCKET, WHICH WOULD CURRENTLY MEAN A WAIT OF NINE MONTHS, BUT COULD BE UP TO A YEAR AS PROVIDED BY MEXICAN LAW.

(2). CONSULATE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THEIR LAWYER, LIC. LOPEZ INZUNZA, WHO INDICATED TO THE CONSULATE ON MARCH 4TH (YESTERDAY) THAT HE WAS STILL AWAITING THE PAPERS WHICH WERE TO BE SENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE TWO MEN'S FILE ON THEIR BEHALF. EARLIER CALLS ON FEBRUARY 28TH HAD BROUGHT THE SAME RESULT, THOUGH LOPEZ INZUNZA HAD BEEN EXPECTING THE PAPERS TO ARRIVE ON MARCH 3RD.

(3). LAWYERS OF THE TWO MEN EXPECT TO ATTEMPT TO GET THE JUDGE

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TO ACCEPT A REBUTTAL OF THE CHARGES WHEN THE AWAITED DOCUMENTS DO

ARRIVE, BUT THE CONSULATE CANNOT ESTIMATE WHETHER THE ATTEMPT  
MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL.  
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